

Digital Storybook Questions & Answers

Q. Who is eligible to participate in the High School Digital Storybook Authoring Competition?

A. *Any high school in Michigan may enter the competition. Grade level buildings including 9th grade campus only schools are eligible as well as 9-12, 10-12, or smaller districts where the building may contain all grade levels (K-12).*

Q. When do the applications need to be submitted?

A. *The deadline for submission is October 26, 2007.*

Q. How will the applications be submitted?

A. *The application will be completed and submitted on the MACUL website, www.macul.org.*

Q. Can a high school submit more than one team?

A. *No, each high school may submit only one team.*

Q. When does the digital storybook need to be completed?

A. *The digital story book will be completed at the conclusion of the digital summer camp in June, 2008.*

Q. What is the purpose of attending the MACUL Conference in March 2008?

A. *The purpose of attending the MACUL Conference is to provide the high school team the opportunity to learn from the many presentations available at the conference.*

Q. What is the maximum number of people a team can have?

A. *The team may consist of no more than five students, one teacher coach, and other (optional) school and business mentors.*

- Q. How many team members may attend the MACUL Conference funded by the competition award?
- A. *Award funds may pay for the five student members, the teacher coach, and two adult mentors.*
- Q. Where will I find a listing of the Michigan Educational Technology Standards?
- A. *The METS-S may be found at:*
- [State Standards: http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-28753_33232_37328---,00.htm](http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-28753_33232_37328---,00.htm)
- Q. Must the digital story book teach one of the METS-S?
- A. *Yes, this is the purpose of the project.*
- Q. How are team members chosen?
- A. *The team coach in consultation with the school administration will choose the student participants.*
- Q. May outside funds be used for the digital storybook project?
- A. *Support in the form of financial, mentoring, and technology is appropriate and is encouraged.*
- Q. In what format will the digital storybook be constructed?
- A. *The digital storybook may be constructed using software appropriate to the design of the project. The digital storybook needs to be highly interactive and engaging to the intended student age level. A variety of software tools should be employed that demonstrate learning in a digital world. The concepts of UDL (Universal Design for Learning) are also important to incorporate into the project (for more information on UDL, go to www.cast.org)*

Q. Who can I contact if I have additional questions?

A. *Contact Dwight Sinila, Education Consultant, Michigan Department of Education at (517) 241-4657 or sinilad@michigan.gov.*